RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and
- WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and
- **WHEREAS,** on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Cathedral City finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and
- WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and
- WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of the City of Cathedral City, its constituents, and those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and
- WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and The U.S. Department of Interior, Burea of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternative study; and
- WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cathedral City as follows:

- 1. The City of Cathedral City hereby supports the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for the Multi-Purpose Project" as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
- 2. The City of Cathedral City encourages the State of California and the Department of Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and
- 3. The City of Cathedral City encourages cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan.

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Approved and Executed this 11th day of October, 2006, pursuant to action of the City Council of the City of Cathedral, California.

Attest:

Pat Hammers, CMC

City Clerk